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class principally and appear to be achieving even greater success than their counterparts in Quito. They have already established committees in most of the neighborhoods of the city and are beginning to work in the outlying rural regions.

5. Although the principal purpose of the committees is to denounce the warlike plans of the United States and to counteract the effectiveness of U.S. propaganda in Latin America, the committees have automatically become involved in local labor problems and disputes. In the event of a leftist revolutionary uprising, many of the women have stated that they would go into the front line of battle with their children, a strategy which could be highly effective, since the police and army would be reluctant to shoot women with the same dispassion as male insurgents.

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- * Comment. It was reliably reported from Ecuador [redacted] the peace committees in Ecuador had been completely disbanded [redacted] and that no contact was maintained with World Peace Headquarters in Paris or with the CTAL.

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